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TALES OF THE UNUSUAL

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THE FUTURE SPIRIT: PART 10



S., SIR,
YOU SHOULDN'T
MOVE SO
SUDDENLY.

STUMBLE

IF THIS
IS A FUTURE
SPIRIT..

THAT MEANS
THAT JIYOUNG IS
ALIVE..!

MAYBE..

PLEASE..!!

WHISH



SHE DOESN'T
HAVE A SINGLE
WOUND ON
HER..



THAT
MEANS...







THIS IS..

THE SPIRIT
OF SOMEONE
ALREADY DEAD..





JYOUNG..

WHY DID YOU
LET ME LIVE..?

WHY..?



CLASP



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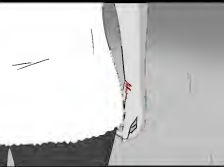






WHAT
DO YOU MEAN...?
YOU SAVED ME...

THEN
WHAT ABOUT
THIS...?





I TOOK
THE RING OFF FOR
A MINUTE DURING
THE PHOTO
SHOOT..

WHEW..
I THOUGHT YOU
HAD LEFT IT
AT HOME..



STILL..
IT'S AMAZING THAT
YOU MANAGED TO FIND
ME AND PUT THE
RING ON ME..



ALTHOUGH
IT'S IRONIC THAT
I WAS ABLE TO FIND
YOU THANKS TO THE
FUTURE SPIRIT..



I WAS WONDERING...
'WHY THE HECK WOULD HE
BE LOOKING FOR THAT RING
IN A SITUATION
LIKE THIS...?'

BUT IT WAS
ACTUALLY
PROTECTING US...

DO YOU REMEMBER?
THE CEILING COLLAPSED
RIGHT BEFORE WE GOT
OUT THE DOOR.

I WAS SO
SHOCKED WHEN YOU
GOT HURT...

I WAS CONFUSED
BY WHAT YOU HAD SAID
BUT THAT WAS THE ONLY
OPTION AT THE TIME...



HEY...
SNAP OUT
OF IT..!

BOO
HOO...!

UGH...

FUMBLE

I THINK
I PUT IT IN
MY POCKET
BEFORE.

HERE
IT IS..!







HELP!!

THERE'S
SOMEONE HERE!!

FIRST
THE RING,
THEN THE
AMULET..

AT FIRST,
I THOUGHT
YOU WERE A BIT
UNUSUAL...

D..DID
IT LOOK THAT
STRANGE..?



BUT IN THE
END, YOU DID
IT TO HELP ME,
RIGHT?



JIYOUNG...

DO YOU
BELIEVE
EVERYTHING
THAT I SAID..?



HMM...

HONESTLY,
THE THING ABOUT
THE GHOSTS IS STILL
A BIT CONFUSING.

BUT I TRUST
YOU MORE THAN
ANYONE.

SINCE YOU
PROTECT ME NO
MATTER WHAT
HAPPENS.



I SHARED EVERYTHING WITH HER,
FROM THE STORY OF MY LIFE SO FAR,
TO THINGS THAT I HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO TELL HER.

THANKFULLY, SHE UNDERSTOOD ME
AND OUR RELATIONSHIP GOT EVEN STRONGER AFTER THAT DAY,

THEN NOT LONG AFTER THAT,
HER DAD PASSED AWAY NATURALLY,
AND I ENDED UP PROTECTING HER ON HIS BEHALF.

TEN OR SO YEARS PASSED,



AS YOU CAN SEE,
THE STRUCTURAL
REINFORCEMENT IS
COMPLETE.





IT MAKES
ME FEEL SAFE
JUST LOOKING
AT IT.



YEAH,
WE MADE IT EVEN
STURDIER SINCE THERE
WILL BE STUDENTS
HERE.



CALL ME
ANYTIME IF THERE
ARE ANY PROBLEMS
OR YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS, SIR.



SURE,
THANK YOU FOR
YOUR TIME

SURE,
I'LL STOP BY AGAIN
NEXT WEEK TO
CHECK ON YOU.

I'M WORKING AT A FIRM SPECIALIZING
IN STRUCTURAL REINFORCEMENT.

WHILE THE RING WAS A
MODEST MEASURE TO PROTECT MYSELF,
THE WORK THAT I DO NOW IS A BIT MORE
PROACTIVE AND ALTRUISTIC.

IF I CAN REDUCE SENSELESS LOSS OF LIVES
EVEN A LITTLE BIT WITH THIS CONTRIBUTION,
IT MEANS THAT I CAN PROTECT SEVERAL PEOPLE'S
HAPPINESS BLOOMING SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD.



BZZZT-

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HEY,
JIYOUNG.

I JUST FINISHED
WORK TOO. I'LL HEAD
OVER TO THE SCHOOL
GATE NOW.

NOW, WE ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT EACH
OF US HAS SHARED EVERYTHING WITH.

ALTHOUGH I HAVE TOLD HER JUST A SINGLE LIE.



HAVE YOU BEEN
WAITING LONG?

NO, I JUST
GOT HERE.

YOU MUST
BE HUNGRY.
LET'S GO GET
SOME DINNER.

SURE,
SHOULD WE HAVE
SOME CHICKEN AND
BEER SINCE IT'S
FRIDAY?

CHICKEN AND
BEER SOUNDS
GOOD-

BY THE WAY,
TODAY I TOOK THE RING
OFF FOR A SECOND TO
GIVE MY HANDS A
GOOD WASH..

BUT
I ALMOST FORGOT
TO PUT IT BACK ON
BEFORE LEAVING,
HAHA,

WHAT?
ARE YOU TRYING TO
GET YOURSELF HURT..?
BE CAREFUL!

OKAY,
I GOT IT.

BUT HONEY,
I KNOW THAT RING
IS PROTECTING
ME..

HMM..?

BUT WHAT IF
THERE'S A FUTURE SPIRIT
WATCHING ME NEARBY
RIGHT NOW...?

SOMETIMES
IT SCARES ME TO
THINK THAT...

STUMBLE

STUMBLE

HAHA,
HOW MANY TIMES
DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?
THEY CAN'T EVEN COME
WITHIN A 60 MILE RADIUS AS
LONG AS YOU HAVE
THAT RING ON.

HAHA,
ALRIGHT.

OF COURSE I HAVE NO INTENTION OF TELLING
HER HONESTLY ABOUT JUST THIS ONE THING.

NOT NOW AND NOT IN THE FUTURE...

End.



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